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For: GLOBAL AMPLIFICATION USING A
RANDOMLY PRIMED COMPOSITE PRIMER

Examiner: C. Babic

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 21, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 2006414), for which a response was due on July 21, 2006. Filed herewith are a petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 21, 2006 (which fell on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.